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Robert M. Graber
Clerk, Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street
4th Floor
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Mr. Graber,

Attached you will find a proposal for new legislative districts for Erie County, NY. On the process of creating these new districts, I have attempted to maintain the boundaries of current (pre-2011-2012) legislative districts. But with the requirements that there be eleven (11) districts instead of the current fifteen (15), four (4) districts have been dissolved into existing or new districts and renamed as such. Because of the decrease in the number of districts, several of the old districts saw a growth in population and area sizes. The primary method of district delineation was to maintain equal population counts and to follow standard census tract and/or municipality lines. After delineating new boundaries, the average population count for all the districts is 83,549 people. I also looked at ethnic population distribution around the county and focused creating or expanding districts that included similar ethnic backgrounds. These tended to be the ethnic majority of a district, usually either Caucasians or African-Americans.

Attached you will find a 24"x36" map of proposed legislative districts, a spreadsheet containing district totals and ethnic breakdown, and a copy of this email all contained within a zip file.

Sincerely,
Ryan Cassens, Amherst, NY

Proposed District #1		Corresponding Population	Total Population
City of Buffalo*		54,723	
Town of Tonawanda*		28,425	83,148
Proposed District #2		Corresponding Population	Total Population
Boston		8,023	
Brant		2,065	
Eden		7,688	
Evans		16,356	
Hamburg*		44,545	
North Collins		3,523	82,200
Proposed District #3		Corresponding Population	Total Population
City of Buffalo*		79,806	
Cheektowaga*		5,951	85,757
Proposed District #4		Corresponding Population	Total Population
Alden		10,865	
Clarence*		18,147	
Lancaster		41,604	
Marilla		5,327	
Newstead		8,594	
Tonawanda Indian Res.		34	84,571
Proposed District #5		Corresponding Population	Total Population
Anherst*		56,087	
Cheektowaga*		27,282	83,369
Proposed District #6		Corresponding Population	Total Population
City of Buffalo*		8,518	
Hamburg*		12,391	
Lakawana		18,141	
West Seneca		44,711	83,761
Proposed District #7		Corresponding Population	Total Population
Anherst*		66,279	
Cheektowaga*		2,883	
Clarence*		12,526	81,688
Proposed District #8		Corresponding Population	Total Population
City of Buffalo*		32,774	
Cheektowaga*		52,110	84,884

*Denotes municipalities that will be divided into multiple districts.
See tabbed spreadsheet pages for Statistics and Race/Ethnicity distributions.

*Municipalities to be divided by multiple districts		
Amherst		
City of Buffalo		
Cheektowaga		
Clarence		
Hamburg		
Town of Tonawanda		

Proposed District # 10	Corresponding Population	Total Population
Grand Island	20,374	
City of Tonawanda	15,130	
Town of Tonawanda*	45,142	
		80,646

Proposed District # 11	Corresponding Population	Total Population
Aurora	13,782	
Cattaraugus	1,833	
Colden	3,265	
Collins	6,601	
Concord	8,494	
Elma	11,317	
Holland	3,401	
Sardinia	2,775	
Orchard Park	29,054	
Wales	3,005	
		83,527

Proposed District Statistics

Total Population of Erie County	919,034
District with Highest Population:	Dist. #3 with population of 85,757
District with Lowest Population:	Dist. #10 with population of 80,646
Percent of Highest Population (of total pop)	9.33%
Percent of Lowest Population (of total pop)	8.78%
Percent Deviation	0.56%

Race/Ethnic population percentages

Proposed District # 1

White	63%	# Totals:	52,270
Black or African American	27%		22,487
American Indian and Alaska Native	1%		337
Asian	3%		2,526
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	0%		24
Hispanic or Latino	4%		3,559
Other	2%		1,945
Total	100%		83,148

Proposed District # 2

White	96%	# Totals:	78,778
Black or African American	1%		422
American Indian and Alaska Native	1%		486
Asian	0%		333
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	0%		8
Hispanic or Latino	2%		1,488
Other	1%		685
Total	100%		82,200

Proposed District # 3

White	23%	# Totals:	19,972
Black or African American	69%		58,882
American Indian and Alaska Native	0%		277
Asian	2%		1,589
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	0%		16
Hispanic or Latino	4%		3,228
Other	2%		1,793
Total	100%		85,757

Proposed District # 4

White	94%	# Totals:	79,804
Black or African American	2%		1,732
American Indian and Alaska Native	0%		243
Asian	1%		803
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	0%		7
Hispanic or Latino	1%		1,231
Other	1%		751
Total	100%		<u>84,571</u>

Proposed District # 5

White	78%	# Totals:	65,069
Black or African American	10%		8,373
American Indian and Alaska Native	0%		167
Asian	7%		5,661
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	0%		12
Hispanic or Latino	3%		2,421
Other	2%		1,666
Total	100%		<u>83,369</u>

Proposed District # 6

White	49%	# Totals:	41,598
Black or African American	20%		17,440
American Indian and Alaska Native	1%		870
Asian	5%		4,422
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	0%		36
Hispanic or Latino	22%		18,579
Other	3%		2,544
Total	100%		<u>85,489</u>

Proposed District # 7

White	88%	# Totals:	71,601
Black or African American	3%		2,339
American Indian and Alaska Native	0%		112
Asian	6%		5,074
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	0%		20
Hispanic or Latino	2%		1,459
Other	1%		1,083
Total	100%		<u>81,688</u>

Proposed District # 8

White	89%	# Totals:	75,875
Black or African American	3%		2,799
American Indian and Alaska Native	0%		320
Asian	1%		934
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	0%		11
Hispanic or Latino	4%		3,768
Other	1%		1,177
Total	100%		<u>84,884</u>

Proposed District # 9

White	92%	# Totals:	76,845
Black or African American	3%		2,381
American Indian and Alaska Native	0%		207
Asian	1%		524
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	0%		14
Hispanic or Latino	3%		2,743
Other	1%		1,047
Total	100%		<u>83,761</u>

Proposed District # 10

White	93%	# Totals:	74,825
Black or African American	2%		1,662
American Indian and Alaska Native	0%		303
Asian	1%		1,164
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	0%		5
Hispanic or Latino	2%		1,798
Other	1%		889
Total	100%		<u>80,646</u>

Proposed District # 11

White	93%	# Totals:	77,519
Black or African American	2%		1,399
American Indian and Alaska Native	2%		1,877
Asian	1%		591
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	0%		12
Hispanic or Latino	2%		1,457
Other	1%		672
Total	100%		<u>83,527</u>